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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the \$120 fee, which is the process fee for a one-month extension of time, and any other required fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 to Deposit Account No. 08-3038/10437.0073.NPUS01.

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